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For: User-Authentication-Type Network Operating System Booting Method  
and System Utilizing BIOS Preboot Environment

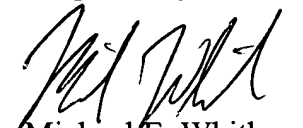
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**FOURTH STATUS INQUIRY**

Sir:

Please provide the undersigned with a statement of the status of the above-identified patent application and the approximate date an Action can be expected. This application was filed on June 12, 2001. The Official Filing Receipt has been received. This is the **fourth** Status Inquiry filed in this application (other inquiries were filed on 6/12/01; 4/14/03; and 11/14/03). The undersigned as never received either a reply to any of the status inquiries or a first Office Action.

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